

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please replace the drawing sheet containing Fig. 2 with the revised drawing sheet attached in Appendix I.

The reference number “46b” has been replaced with the reference number “44b.”

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on September 06, 2006, has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Prior to this paper, claims 1-12 were pending. By this paper, Applicant does not cancel or add any claims. Therefore, claims 1-12 remain pending.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance for at least the reasons that follow.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks Examiner Kalafut for the indication that claims 7-9 and 11-13 are allowable, and for the apparent indication that the remaining claims are allowable in view of the prior art.

Acknowledgement of Priority Papers is Requested

Applicant requests that an examiner acknowledge the claim for foreign priority and that certified copies of the priority documents were received by the PTO on June 30, 2003.

Disclosure Objection

Applicant amends the drawings so that Fig. 2 no longer contains the reference number "46b." Specifically, that reference number has been replaced with reference number "44b," which appears in the specification at page 11 as originally filed. Reconsideration is requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

In the Office Action, claims 3 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As seen above, claims 3 and 10 have been amended, and Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the above amendments.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 were *provisionally* rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants do not agree that this rejection is proper, however, Applicants hereby file along with this paper a Terminal Disclaimer, and submit that the double patenting rejection is now moot in view of the Terminal Disclaimer.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

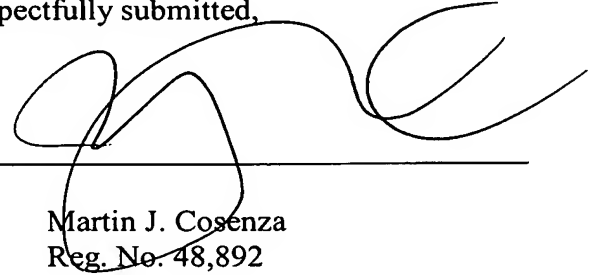
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Examiner Kalafut is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX I